

Village Update

Villa Linda, Guatemala



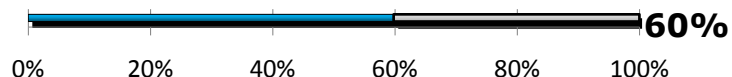
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Agros uses 20 indicators to measure the impact of our work in Agros communities. Indicators measure predetermined outcomes, such as improved access to water, that are hoped to be achieved through Agros' work and make up the greater vision of Agros, to restore hope to the world's poor. The eight indicators below are measured on an annual basis and are now included in each quarterly Village Update.

ANNUAL INDICATORS OF VILLAGE PROGRESS

(June 2010) Founded: 2005

Development Level—Progress through the Agros Development Model. Direct support typically ends at 70% and 100% is reached when land loans are repaid.



Economic Indicators:

Diversification of income-generating crops:

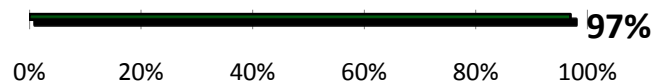
5 types of crops sold to provide income

100% of people have livestock

Participation in commercialization of products:

100% of people commercialize their products

Enterprise loan repayment rates:



Community Indicators:

Access to water for domestic use:

100% of families have water at 0-10 meters from home

**This goal has been revised from 0-100 meters to accurately reflect Agros' priority to ensure accessible water closer to the home.*

Presence of health promoters in community:

Yes

School-aged children attending school:

80%

Leadership Positions Held by Women:

54%

In all Agros villages, a person is selected to be in charge of the communal kit of medicine and first aid supplies. In Villa Linda, that person is Faustino.

Faustino is proud to have this important responsibility because he wants to do his part in supporting the community. He also enjoys learning about different medicines and hopes that he can learn enough to open a small pharmacy someday, which will go even further to help improve the lives of Villa Linda's families.

Community Organization

This quarter, the leadership of Villa Linda developed a new annual plan for fiscal year 2012 (July 2011 – June 30, 2012). Some of the community's goals for the coming year include managing the nursery of coffee plant seedlings, cultivating a garden of medicinal plants to treat common ailments and continuing with the sewing and literacy classes for the community's women.

Sustainable Economic Growth

Also this quarter, Agros staff provided training and guidance to Villa Linda community members in their coffee cultivation. Staff verified that the fields had been adequately cleaned, took several soil samples for analysis and made recommendations for ensuring that the next coffee crop is successful.

One farmer, who is planning to plant about one-half acre of coffee, was provided individual training about how to prepare the area for planting. The fields of cardamom, another important crop grown in Villa Linda, were also monitored.

The women participating in the community bank were advised and their various enterprises were reviewed. Recently, they each received \$153 from the bank's eighth lending cycle.

The fish being raised by three families were checked for any diseases, and their ponds were monitored for cleanliness. Also, the pigs of two families were given vitamins and medicine to eliminate parasites.



One community member cleans his fish pond.

Community Education and Training

Women in the community received training in embroidery by machine. They have already had four trainings in sewing and this is their first in embroidery. Now they are able not only to sew different articles of clothing but also to beautifully decorate them. They are selling the articles they make both inside and outside the community, and they are pleased to have this training and opportunity to help support their families. The women look forward to another embroidery workshop to hone their skills and make their products more competitive in the marketplace.

Health promoter Francisco was assisted this quarter in inventorying the community's medical supplies, making purchases of needed items and keeping accurate financial records.

Also, the community's midwives were provided training in prenatal care, childbirth practices and neonatal care. The training was conducted by a nurse, who developed the subjects with the participation of the trainees.

Agros provided the community school with learning materials and supplies to help ensure that the children receive the best possible education. Supplies and learning materials were also provided for the community's adult literacy program.



Agros provides learning materials for Villa Linda's school and the adult literacy classes.